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HIROSHI MAEHARA

Application No.: 10/537,413

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Int'l Filing Date.: April 19, 2004

For: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING MINUTE OBJECT

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Respectfully submitted,


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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2007, please amend the
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